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Timely Tidbits ...**Don't Miss Parade of Lights, Pumpkin Fest**

Just a reminder that the annual Romulus Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival will be held the weekend of September 18–20.

Festival booklets with event schedules and other information of interest will be available at City Hall, the Athletic Center, the Senior Center, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, and various downtown-area businesses starting Monday, September 14.

Drive-in Movies Return

Enjoy one of the now-rare pleasures of yesteryear on Friday, September 25, when Taylor's Heritage Park will bring back "drive-in movies" with a showing of *Bedtime Stories* on the big screen outdoors. Cars will gather in the "bean field" at the park (12111 Pardee Road). The movie will begin at dusk.

Admission is \$5 per carload. Concessions will be available.

For more information, call the Department of Golf, Parks and Recreation at 734-374-4026.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Taylor Community Library will have a used book sale at the Library (12303 Pardee Road) on Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

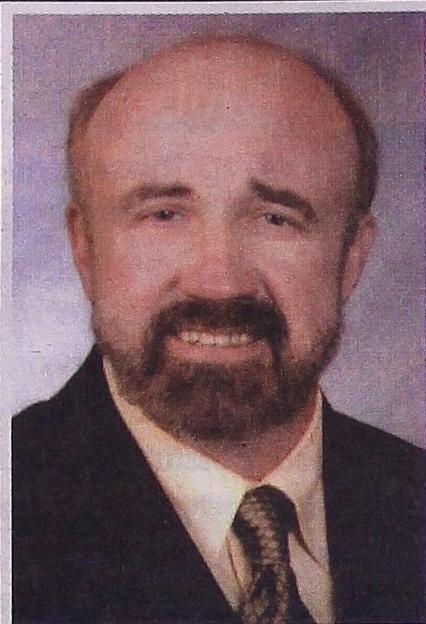
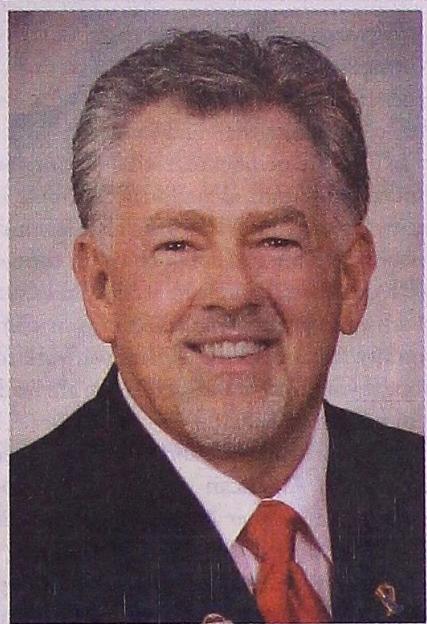
Donations are currently being accepted. Pickups may be arranged by calling 734-955-1521.

TPD Blood Drive

The Taylor Police Department will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive at the former main fire station (11101 Pine Street, just south of City Hall) on Tuesday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To make an appointment, call Marge Maladecki (734-374-1445); walk-ins are also welcome.

The Taylor Police Department has received platinum sponsor recognition from the Red Cross for its extensive efforts in organizing blood drives. The TPD drive was recognized as a top Downriver blood drive in 2006, 2007, and 2008 in terms of participants and quantity of blood donated. □

Romulus Primary Candidates Share Views with Voters**Harry Crout****Mayor Alan R. Lambert****Charles Sharrow**

To help voters decide whom they will support in the City of Romulus Primary Election on Tuesday, September 15, *the little paper* distributed a questionnaire to the three mayoral candidates (see above) and three clerk candidates (see page 4) vying for a spot on the November 3 ballot.

Altogether, the mayoral candidates were asked for *specific* responses to five questions, some of which were deliberately general in subject matter to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community.

The questions were:

- Everyone understands that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, but what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election as Mayor of the City of Romulus? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
- If the City is forced to address the issue of additional budget cuts in the next four years, in what areas/departments do you believe those cuts should be made? What areas/departments must be protected from cuts at all costs?
- What role should the Mayor play in bringing economic relief to Romulus?
- What *single* project should be the City's next *major* development or improvement? How should it be funded?
- What makes you the *best* person for the job?

To avoid the appearance of giving any one preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Harry Crout**Age:** 61**Education:** graduate of Garden City High School**Occupation:** GM retiree; currently serving on Romulus City Council**Military service:** U.S. Marine Corps**Community service performed in the past 12 months:** worked with

Helping Hand, American Progressive Association, Romulus Goodfellows, and Crop Walk

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 34**Contact information:**

harrycrout@yahoo.com

Campaign Web site: (no response)**QUESTION #1 (top priority)**

My top priority will be fiscal responsibility. City government is in place to ensure provision of core services. Fiscal responsibility in a tough economic climate can be the means to that end. It will be important to account for some decline in revenue in the immediate future. As a city, we should build this decline into our plan and conduct business accordingly. It is irresponsible to bet the future of the City on anticipated revenue from casino gaming or any other venture.

The Administration needs to get smaller in these difficult times. I will start the trend by taking a \$20,000 cut in salary. Fewer people will be appointed to positions within the City, and, to compensate, the Mayor's office will have an expanded role in overseeing day-to-day operations. In addition, I will not accept a vehicle for personal use, and will not allow any appointee to accept one.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

If cuts need to be made, those cuts should begin at the top of the organization. The organization is currently top-heavy. Certain departments could be merged to realize cost savings.

The most important programs/departments to maintain are police, fire, and public works. Cost-saving measures can be implemented in these departments by doing things such as cross-training existing staff to cut down on the need for subcontracting work and possibly moving the Fire Department to 24-hour shifts.

QUESTION #3 (role in economic relief)

The first part of my plan to bring economic relief to Romulus would be establishing a comprehensive communications strategy. The strategy would include partnerships providing residents with a broader range of services. One example would be getting residents in danger of foreclosure to resources that may help. Linking residents to resources will go a long way in this difficult economy.

The second part of bringing economic relief to Romulus is hiring staff with the ability to develop effective economic development strategies.

QUESTION #4 (next major project)

We have to be careful about City-funded development at this time. My first mission is maintaining core City services. If our finances indicate an ability to fund a project in the future, my concentration would be building a new police department. Bonding could be an effective means to getting this project completed.

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Guest Commentaries

Voting: A Right and a Privilege

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

In these trying economic times – now more than ever – it is important to remind our residents to get out and vote.

Many people think that their vote does not matter. That could not be farther from the truth! So many elections have been close throughout American history, including national, state and local elections. In many cases, less than 100 votes, or even less than 10, have decided the outcome of an election.

Some may think that all elections are the same, so it does not make much of a difference. Not true! Each and every decision concerning your local community will be made by those *you* elect to serve, including the positions of mayor, clerk, treasurer, and city council person. By making a clear choice in local representation, you ensure that your voice will be heard and your tax dollars will be protected by like-minded citizens.

There may be those who think the polls will be too crowded, or it is impossible to get there on time. Sometimes transportation is an issue. The voting sites are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to accommodate all types of schedules. Also, there are numerous community organizations and individual volunteers who devote their time to help people get to the polls.

After the high voter turn out in last year's Presidential Election, it is important for Romulus residents to continue our commitment to community participation by voting in this year's September 15 Primary Election and November 3 General Election. Voting is not only our right, it is our privilege. It is very important for the future of our community, state, and nation.

Please remember that local elections are just as important as national elections. In many ways, your local officials are much more accessible and are in constant contact with our federal and state leaders to ensure that things get accomplished for our community. You voted for us, and we work for you. If you need to contact us, we are ready and willing to help.

Please remember and join me in exercising your American rights by voting on Tuesday, September 15, and again on Tuesday, November 3. If you are not already a registered voter, you still have time to register for the November election. In order to vote November 3, Romulus residents must register at the City Clerk's office by October 5.

For more information on voting, call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540. Thank you for your participation. □

Library Program Drew Kids of All Ages

By Gurpreet Samra, Youth Services Librarian

The Summer Reading program at the Romulus Public Library has come to a close. We are excited to report that 114 readers of all ages from Romulus, Huron Township, and surrounding areas participated, reading for a total of 119,181 minutes.

Congratulations on a job well done!

During the six-week program, children and their parents enjoyed a variety of entertainments at the library, including a Gemini Solo Concert, Ming the Magnificent (magic show), and Linda, the Story Book Quilt Lady. A special thanks goes to area music teacher Josette Nill for donating her talents and creating a wonderful music program with hands-on activities for the audience.

To kick off the annual end-of-summer celebration, the library first held an awards ceremony that recognized several youths for outstanding achievements. First-prize winners received a certificate, a \$25 gift card, and goody bags with free books and school supplies. Everyone who participated in the program was asked to use their creativity to decorate a mask, and two winners were announced on the last day of the program and awarded prizes. Parents and the children enjoyed an ice-cream social as well as a chance to check out a fire truck and visit with the Fire Department's mascot. Waving an American flag while riding Dan Dan the Choo-Choo Train was a highlight for many.

Romulus teens also enjoyed their program, which concluded with a pizza party. We sure would have liked more teens to participate as readers or volunteers. Maybe next year!

Everyone enjoyed the books, programs, and turning-in time for prizes, which were donated by area merchants like Belleville Meijer, Canton Target, and Canton Walmart. We are also grateful to the sponsors and Friends of the Romulus Library, Michigan Friends of Education, Romulus Rotary, Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, and Huron Rotary, who generously donated prizes to the program.

Children need to keep reading through the summer so that they continue to brush up on their reading skills. When children read throughout the summer, they become better readers and better learners. I urge families to take advantage of the free reading program offered every summer at your local library.

The library would like to thank everyone who made the 2009 Summer Reading program possible and a tremendous success.

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Taylor Auxiliary Police Officers Honored



Six members of the all-volunteer Taylor Auxiliary Police have been honored for 2009. They include (from left) Lt. Brian Persia and Sgt. Gary Ramey, officers of the year; Cpl. Robert Grimm Jr., Cpl. Jerry Daniels, and Cpl. Theresa Palmer, finalists; and Sgt. Jeff Witmer, Dick Zoya Commanders Cup (top shot) recipient.

Brian Persia and Gary Ramey joined the volunteer Taylor Auxiliary Police force years ago because they wanted to give back to their community. They didn't join with hopes of winning awards some day, but the two veteran officers have been named Taylor Auxiliary Police Officers of the Year.

"They're both very active officers and are truly dedicated to the Auxiliary Police," said Auxiliary Chief Larry Domski.

Auxiliary officers supplement the work performed by the regular Taylor Police Department. They're required to donate 20 hours per month. Officers agree to work on such details as patrolling Taylor city festivals and parks, performing building checks, providing security for church festivals and school sporting events, and assisting the Southland Center with holiday security. Officers have been part of security details for Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton during their visits to Taylor, and provided emergency disaster assistance.

Persia, a lieutenant, joined the department in 1992 and had been a finalist for the award three times. Ramey, a sergeant, has been with the auxiliary for 10 years. He had been a finalist one other year.

Like others before him and since, Persia – a 31-year Taylor resident who was employed at Ford Motor Co. when he joined – was put through rigorous training that included classroom-type instruction, physical fitness, and weapons proficiency. He learned that Taylor's all-volunteer auxiliary department had a reputation of providing some of the best training in Michigan.

"I've never wanted to be a cop, but I enjoy the privilege of being in the auxiliary," Persia said. "To me, personally, it is a privilege. Anybody that gets in the auxiliary is part of what I call an elite group."

It didn't take long for Persia to gain even more respect for the work done by regular officers on a daily basis.

"They have a hard job," Persia said. "All the stuff they have to put up with is unreal."

Donating time to the auxiliary meant other sacrifices, like being away from wife Judy, son Scott, and daughter Sherrill to volunteer for his community. Even after retiring from Ford after 32 years, he stayed with the auxiliary department, and cur-

rently serves as quartermaster.

The Air Force veteran also admitted it was fun and that he enjoys the camaraderie.

"The auxiliary is the eyes and ears of the Police Department," Persia said. "You get to ride around in a cop car. You get to know people. ... It's exciting."

Persia, who has no plans to retire from the volunteer force, said he recommends it to anyone who is at least 21 years old and wants to give back to his or her community.

"I think it's a great outfit to be in," he said. "I take a lot of pride in the outfit. There are a lot of good guys here."

Like Persia, Ramey had a full-time job – at Severstal Steel – when he joined the auxiliary force 10 years ago. He still works there today. In addition, Ramey was an outstanding bowler, having competed for four decades. He went against some of the top bowlers in the state. He has rolled five perfect 300 games and a couple 800 series.

"When I got out of bowling, I was looking for something to get my mind into," Ramey said. "This was a great thing to do."

Volunteering was nothing new for Ramey and his wife Tonya, who have been active at Beacon Baptist Church since they were married there in 1976.

"I feel everybody should give a little bit," he said. "I guess this is my way of giving. My wife and I are big contributors to the city and the church. We help people. This is a way of doing it."

Ramey said the officer-of-the-year award was a pleasant surprise.

"I've been doing this for 10 years and I kind of didn't expect it," he said. "I do my details, do my hours, do my thing – and somebody was noticing."

Ramey, who said he gives about 300 hours a year to the volunteer force, said he'll retire when the time is right.

"I would say if somebody was looking to give back to the city that really didn't cost them anything but time, it would be to their benefit," he said.

NOTEBOOK: Also recognized were graduates from this year's training program: Adrian Berg, Jason Block, Robert Bratton, Tari Burutolu, Charles Durfee, Christopher Franco, Joshua Hodgkinson, Matthew Miracle, Troy Mohlman, Walter Moore, John Steffes-Tari and Ryan Taylor. □

City Clerk Candidates Share Views



Raymond Cantrell



Ellen Craig-Bragg



Rendell Wooden

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The questions were:

1. Everyone understands that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, but what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election as Clerk of the City of Romulus? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
2. What services currently provided by the Clerk's office need the most improvement? Do you have plans to expand the level and/or types of services offered?
3. What makes you the *best* person for the job?

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Raymond Cantrell

Age: 60

Education: high school; 2 years of college

Occupation: salesperson (26 years)

Lower Huron Supply

Military service: U.S. Army (2 years)

Community service performed in the past 12 months: volunteer work with my church

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 43

Contact information:

734-740-1587

Rymnd121448@live.com

Campaign Web site: (no response)

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

The single issue that would be my top priority if elected would be to bring the Clerk's office into the 21st century electronically. How can an office or department improve if the day-to-day operation is the same as it was 30 years ago? I plan to use modern technology to improve the record-keeping in all phases of the Clerk's office. Scanning and storing records via Web-based equipment would eliminate the tremendous amount of paper and labor cost that is currently incurred.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

As any office goes, there is room for improvement. I believe that the record-keeping is the most needed improvement. To accomplish this goal of improving the record-keeping, we must start by curbing our paper usage in the day-to-day operation. One of the ways we can do this is by conducting Council meetings with laptop computers, therefore eliminating the massive amounts of paper and labor-intensive time in preparation of their packets. It would not be easy, but it is, in my opinion, necessary.

QUESTION #3 (best person for the job)

The experience of being the City Clerk before is what I have to offer Romulus residents. I have the day-to-day knowledge of the office. I have done the job. There would be no training period for me; I would be able to do the job immediately.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg

Age: 50

Education: Merced High School, Merced, CA (Class of 1977); classes at Merritt Community College, Oakland, CA (music and business administration, 1977-1979; legal assistant, 1984-1985), and Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti (music, 2002)

Occupation: Guidance Office Secretary, Romulus High School (employed with Romulus Community Schools for 12 years)

Military service: (no response)

Community service performed in the past 12 months: Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee, NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, Martin Luther King Day Celebration Committee, and Romulus High School Choir Club (volunteer advisor and director); have also spent time at the Romulus Senior Center, assisting with serving meals, passing out door prizes, and providing musical performances during special events and programs such as the Easter and Mother's Day luncheons, pageant, and picnic

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 14

Contact information:

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Campaign Web site:

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Segment 1	11/30/09	12/17/09	2:45-4:45 pm	M, Tu, W, Th
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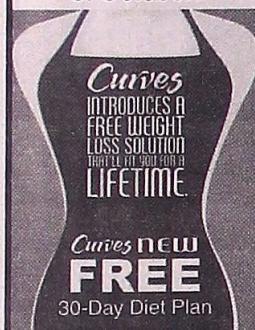
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Class will be held in the training room at Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m., with a 30-minute break at noon. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Minor students must be at least 14 years old and accompanied by an adult.

For information, or to register, contact the administrative offices of the Romulus Fire Department at 734-941-8585.

Taylor

"A Lawn Chair Gospel Musical"

Greater Grace Temple-Taylor Music Ministries will present "A Lawn Chair Gospel Musical" at the church (24111 Koths Street) on Saturday, September 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The "musical outreach offering people hope" will be presented by the Greater Grace Temple Mass Choir and Praise Team. Special guest performers will include Cassandra McDonald, harpist Brenda K. Sanders, songwriter and composer Danny Reynolds, Edgar Dew with his sax and vibes, and Sherrill Shauntee.

Lawn chairs and blankets are advised. For information, call 313-295-4472.

Youth Story Time

The Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee Road) is accepting registration for its fall story time programs for toddlers and preschoolers.

Preschool Storytime, open to children ages 3 1/2 to 6, is offered for six weeks at 1 p.m. Tuesdays starting September 15 and 6:30 p.m. Thursdays starting September 17.

Toddler Storytime, open to children ages 2 to 3 1/2, is offered for six weeks at 10 a.m. Tuesdays (September 15, 22, and 29, and October 6 and 13).

Although the program is free, space is limited. For information, call the library at 734-287-4840.

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Steven F. Shwedel, DDS, and his team of volunteers will treat up to 100 dental patients, *at no cost*, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, at 25650 Goddard Road, Suite A.

Each patient will receive one filling or one extraction or a cleaning. Patients age 12 and older will be accepted. Patients ages 12-18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For information, call Dr. Shwedel's office (313-292-5590) or visit the office Web site: www.shwedel.dental.com. □

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Harry Crout

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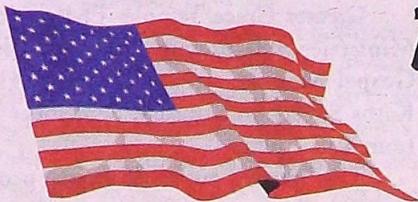
When I am elected Mayor ... *I will take a \$20,000.00 pay cut*. Allowing the money to be spent on the citizens of the community.

The current Mayor and Economic Development Director drive city vehicles for personal use. When I am Mayor I will not drive a city vehicle for personal use. No one in my administration will either. If you work for the city you will drive your own vehicle to and from work. The tax payers will no longer be picking up the tab.

My priorities are moving the city forward, developing the property we have in Romulus, bringing shopping, businesses, **jobs for our residents**. We have lost a significant amount of larger businesses to cities that are more willing to keep them in business. As you know having more businesses in the city of Romulus will also help tax payers reduce their taxes. My goal is to lower property taxes and make it more affordable for current and future residents through responsible spending.

I will always have a true open door policy. When a resident is having a problem he/she can discuss it with me. I will never forget as Mayor that ... ***"I will always put the residents first"***.

I am currently a Romulus City Councilman, 42 year UAW member retiree Local #735, married to wife Sandy for 34 years, father of Terri (Randy) Moffat and grandfather of Savannah and Miranda. I served with the US Marine Corp. I support Chamber or Commerce, Democratic Party, Little League Baseball, member of APA and a member of Belleville Moose.



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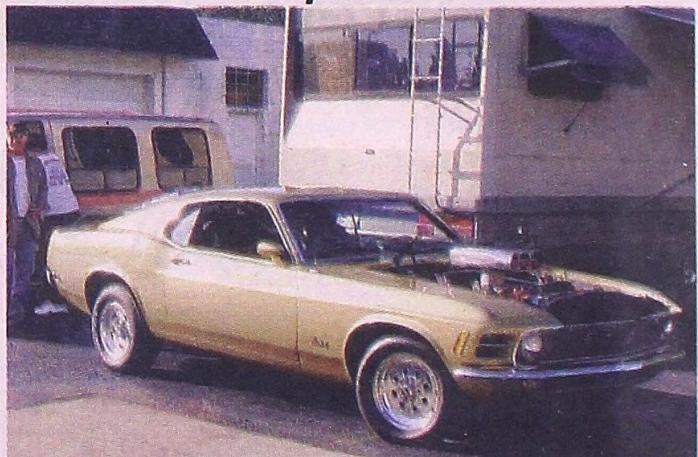
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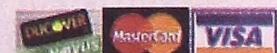
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- Doubled the size of our full-time **FIRE DEPARTMENT** and improved service to cover 24/7 operations.
- Just recently secured federal stimulus money to add three **ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS**.
- Prepared and executed eight consecutive **BALANCED BUDGETS**, ensuring **NO EMPLOYEE LAYOFFS OR CUTS IN CITY SERVICES**.
- **DEMOLISHED MORE THAN 260 unsafe, abandoned structures** throughout the city.
- **UPDATED THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN** and initiated downtown revitalization projects.
- **WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY** to improve parks and recreation programs, and maintain them at an even higher level of service.
- Created more than **3,000 NEW LOCAL JOBS** and helped retain over 5,000 existing jobs in our city.
- **DEFEATED THE INJECTION WELLS** that put our community at risk.
- **STOPPED AN UNNECESSARY RUNWAY** from devastating our community.
- **BROUGHT IN MORE THAN \$5.8 MILLION** in grants and stimulus funds to strengthen our community and create jobs.

- Work to **BRING MORE HIGH-TECH, 21ST-CENTURY JOBS** and investments to Romulus.
- Fight **TO ATTRACT A WORLD-CLASS CASINO**, as approved by Romulus voters in 2003, to generate thousands of jobs and new revenue for the city and schools. Governor Granholm supports the casino, and we are working with President Obama's Administration to seize this important opportunity.
- Continue to **DEMOLISH unsafe buildings and cite properties with ordinance violations**.
- Continue our **CLEAN SWEEP PROJECT** and citywide beautification efforts with the help of Councilman LeRoy Burcroff.
- Continue working with Councilman Bill Wadsworth to make a **NEW ANIMAL SHELTER** a reality.
- Continue to **STRENGTHEN OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**.
- Continue to **IMPROVE OUR PARKS SYSTEM, ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**.
- Continue to **FIGHT AIRPORT EXPANSION** projects that negatively impact our neighborhoods.
- Continue working with the film industry to partner with **ROMULUS FOR FILM PRODUCTIONS**.
- Continue to **FIGHT FOR GRANT AND STIMULUS OPPORTUNITIES** for our city.

**CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IS
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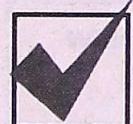
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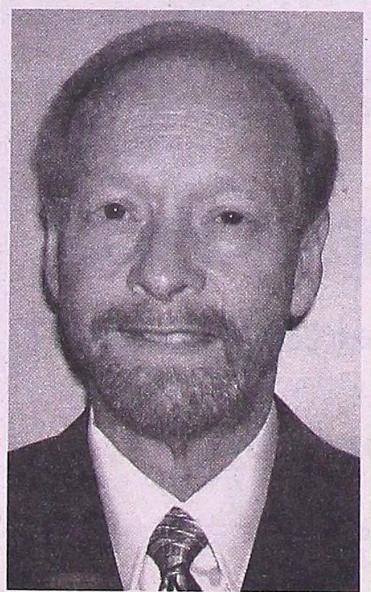
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Charles SHARROW for Mayor



- Lifelong resident
- Married 39 years
- 3 children – all Romulus residents
- Marine Corp veteran
- Member of Romulus Calvary Church
- Former volunteer firefighter at Romulus Station 2

Qualified Leadership Skills:

As a Wayne County Road Commission employee at Metro Airport, my responsibilities included:

- Working with the unions to settle grievances
- Working with various fire department, safety, emergency, and security personnel

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It would be an **HONOR** and a **PRIVILEGE**
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Elect Rendell Wooden For City Clerk

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
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Dear Citizens,
It would be a privilege
to continue to serve
The City of Romulus.
I have faithfully worked
for 35 years as your
Election Clerk.
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elect someone who has
the knowledge,
experience, and ability
to be your City Clerk.



**Your vote is important, and
I sincerely ask for your support.**

Thank You,

RENDELL WOODEN

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Again, it is important to note that core service provision is my top priority.

QUESTION #5 (best person for the job)

I am the best person for the job because of the love and the pride that I have for my home. This job will not serve as a platform for personal advancement if I am elected. I want to ensure that the sanctity of my government is protected in the future, and will take all actions to make it happen.

Alan R. Lambert

Age: 54

Education: Romulus High School Class of 1973; Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy; also took business and finance courses at Schoolcraft College and a variety of courses at Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan universities

Occupation: Mayor, City of Romulus

Military service: none

Community service performed in the past 12 months:

I have performed community service for a range of local charities, humanitarian causes, and community events, including working with the Boys & Girls Club, Romulus Little League, the Romulus Flyers, the Romulus APA, St. John's Lodge, and Helping Hand. I have also participated actively in local high school and elementary school events, the Romulus Goodfellows, and the Downriver Senior Olympics.

I regularly sponsor our annual Clean Sweep Campaign and the Mayor's Drug Task Force activities. I served as spokesman for the Parents United to Prevent Underage Drinking, a community-wide campaign to help parents keep alcohol out of the hands of minors. As mayor, I also initiated critical community health and wellness campaigns by implementing the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, and encouraged the Weight Watchers™ program to come to the Romulus Athletic Center.

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 54

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Campaign Web site:

www.mayorlambert.com

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

As mayor, my number one priority is creating and protecting jobs in Romulus. I have focused on protecting existing jobs in the public service and private sectors, as well as working with business and government leaders to bring in good-paying, 21st-century jobs for the future. Good jobs will help strengthen Romulus today and for generations to come. These jobs are critical to Romulus because they strengthen neighborhoods and local families. Revenues from our business tax base have allowed Romulus to remain fiscally strong despite these tough economic times.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

Since 2001, I have made it my mission to protect critical public services that help Romulus families and support local businesses. Instead of cutting departments and services, we are one of the few communities in Michigan that has successfully balanced our city budgets for eight consecutive years without any cuts to services or employee layoffs. We have introduced innovative methods and out-of-the-box thinking to save millions of dollars, including group purchasing and energy efficiency investments. Romulus also partnered with neighboring communities to save taxpayer dollars, including partnering with Taylor to sweep streets and with the City of Wayne to purchase an inexpensive and cost-effective device to salt roads during winter. While implementing these cost-saving projects, we have protected not just critical services and jobs; we have also invested in our community, including beautifying neighborhoods and building highly acclaimed new facilities like the Romulus Senior Center and the award-winning Romulus Athletic Center – without any additional taxes to residents.

As mayor, I strongly believe in forward thinking and planning ahead so we can continue to protect absolutely critical services for our community, and these are services involving public safety and public works. As a former police officer, I am 100% committed to protecting our police and fire services. These public safety services are essential to keeping our families safe. I'm also committed to working to improve our roads and bridges, and other infrastructure projects critical to attracting new jobs and investments to our community. Over the past year, one of our key successes has been working with all levels of government to attract federal stimulus funds to improve important roads and bridges in Romulus.

QUESTION #3 (role in economic relief)

The mayor must spearhead every effort to bring new development, investment, and jobs to Romulus, and this includes being an active participant in standing up and fighting for our community, as I have done repeatedly, including successfully preventing Detroit Metro Airport from building an unnecessary new runway that would have devastated our community, and working in partnerships with local communities – and the airport – to lay the foundation for the exciting new Aerotropolis project, which is slated to bring more than 60,000 new jobs and billions of dollars of new investments to the region.

As mayor, I have also been actively engaged in many opportunities to bring quality, 21st-century jobs in renewable energy and new auto technology to Romulus.

QUESTION #4 (next major project)

As mayor, I have focused on my number-one priority, which is bringing new jobs, new investments, and new business opportunities to Romulus. In these tough times, I recognize that new resources and technology are pillars of all development in our community.

My team and I are working around the clock to bring in a broad range of new investments, including new shopping and retail, new manufacturing, renewable energy technologies, and much more.

QUESTION #5 (best person for the job)

As a lifelong resident of Romulus, I am completely committed to our community and all the families of Romulus, who I consider friends and neighbors. I have dedicated 28 years of my adult life to serving the public and standing up for local families. I have served in uniform as a police officer, as president of the local school board, as a city council member, and as mayor since

2001. In addition, I have volunteered for a wide range of local charities, events, and humanitarian causes. I strongly believe in giving back to our community.

As your mayor, I'm proud to have a record of success that includes strengthening local neighborhoods, protecting and fighting for local jobs, saving taxpayer dollars, and investing in new facilities that have become jewels in our community. We accomplished a great deal, and did it all without any new taxes.

I am proud of the work our team has done in Romulus since 2001, especially in balancing our budget in these tough times, saving taxpayer dollars, protecting critical services and jobs, and continuing to invest in our community at the same time.

Due to my experience, my lifelong commitment to our community, and my record of success, I firmly believe I am the most qualified person to be the Mayor of Romulus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Charles Sharro

Age: 60

Education: Romulus High School; University of Wisconsin-Madison; classes at Spectrum (Southfield, MI)

Occupation: retired from Wayne County Road Commission at Detroit Metro Airport (Department Manager IV); currently employed with Jack Anglin Construction, Inc. (since 1988)

Military service: 4 years with the U.S. Marine Corps – served 2 years, 6 months, and 9 days in Vietnam, returning Stateside as an E5 (sergeant)

Community service performed in the past 12 months:

(1) Christian and active member of Calvary Church of Romulus; (2) provided location for and worked on Calvary Church float for Parade of Lights; (3) volunteered to pull the float for Calvary Church in the Parade of Lights; (4) transported children of Calvary Church to Lake Ann Camp; (5) volunteered to help with and drive the children of Calvary Church to the annual hayride at Bird's Pumpkin Patch; (6) helped Calvary Church with the annual Harvest Feast; helped Little League with the fields; (8) helped Pastor Steve Adams and other members of our community with dispersing of food and clothes drive for families less fortunate in these hard times; and (9) (along with my wife) serve as a foster parent for children in our community

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 60 (lifelong resident)

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e-mail: Sharro4Mayor@yahoo.com

Campaign Web site: none

Cruise Raises \$1200 for Boys & Girls Clubs



A benefit cruise aboard the *Princess Laura* in Belleville drew about 55 supporters of the Romulus and Belleville Boys & Girls Clubs. Chairmen LeRoy Burcroff (Romulus) and David Parrott (Belleville) would like to thank Atchinson Ford of Belleville for sponsoring the food at the August 20 event. Photo by R. E. Kadau

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City Clerk Candidates Share Views

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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

One item from my platform agenda is to increase voter participation. One of the ways I propose to address this concern is by having voter registration drives – setting up stations in various locations such as the High School, speaking with graduating seniors and their parents, and providing information regarding voter registration and the absentee voter process for those students going away to college. Also, the voter registration drives will provide an opportunity to reach out to new residents by providing precinct locations.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

One area that the Clerk's Office should always be improving is its record-keeping technology. The Clerk is the "keeper of the record," and is responsible for conducting all Local, County, State, and Federal elections in accordance with Michigan Election Law; therefore, accuracy of records is vital to the preservation of official documentation. It will be important to utilize the most up-to-date technology available so that all voters and the votes they cast are properly recorded and counted.

QUESTION #3 (best person for the job)

What makes me the best candidate is that I bring a new level of energy and a fresh perspective to the office rather than perpetuating the status quo.

My experiences serving on City Council, working for Romulus Community Schools, and participating in various organizations have provided me with considerable insight and prepared me to serve in the capacity of City Clerk. In this role, my objective is to create a professional, customer-friendly environment and provide a broad spectrum of quality services for businesses and residents.

It will be an honor to serve you as the next Romulus City Clerk, for I am committed to our community and dedicated to its progress.

Rendell Wooden

Age: 52

Education: Romulus High School graduate – Class of 1974

Occupation: City of Romulus, Election Clerk for 35 years

Military service: n/a

Community service performed in the past 12 months: n/a

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 52 (lifelong resident)

Contact information: 734-641-8306

Campaign Web site: n/a

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

Being restricted to just one single issue that has my top priority would be the computerizing of records that pertain to the Romulus Cemetery, organizing the maps and blueprints for the City. The department needs a complete overhaul in order to better serve the citizens and business. This will provide the City with a system that is easily accessible and user-friendly.

Preserving history and archiving records is of most importance to any organization.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

The Clerk's Office is responsible for the City Cemetery. Citizens at any given time need to have an expeditious way of obtaining information regarding plots purchased, referencing locations of grave sites, etc. Having in place a system that is efficient and user-friendly would be a great service to provide to the public.

Easy access is always a good thing when providing a service. A walk-up station, which is available to the public, is another idea that I envision.

I will seek ideas from residents about what they would like to see in terms of improvements to the Clerk's Office. If elected as City Clerk, I would be open to ideas and suggestions.

QUESTION #3 (best person for the job)

I have faithfully worked as Election Clerk for the past 35 years, and have seen this office progress from Shoup voting machines and paper absentee voter ballots, to our current ESS (Electronic Systems Software) voting system, which is used throughout Wayne County.

While the Clerk's Office has seen many challenges and changes in the last 35 years, I believe that my experience, knowledge, proven ability, and commitment to get the job done would serve the citizens of Romulus well. □

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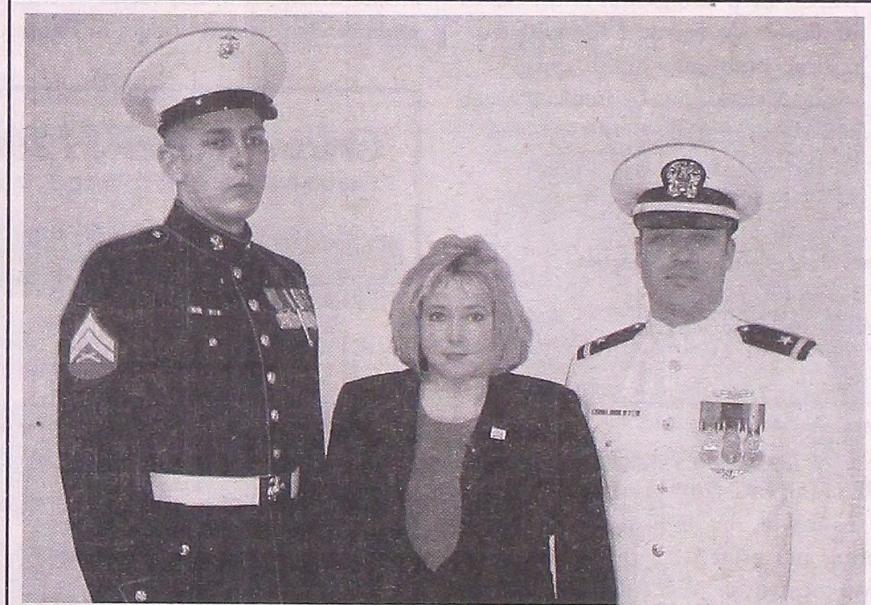
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Jill Brandana and nephews:

Herb Brandana (U.S. Marines – served 2 combat tours in Iraq and is deploying to Afghanistan) and James Black (U.S. Navy – currently serving on the U.S.S. Churchill)

Jill Brandana
Taylor City Council – Chairwoman Pro Tem

Congratulations!

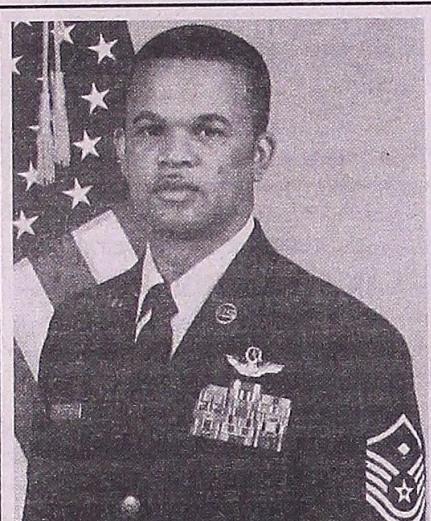
Barney Is First Sergeant of the Year

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Delano Barney, who was named First Sergeant of the Year at the Tinker Air Force Base Military Awards Banquet, held in Oklahoma City on March 13.

The annual program honors the best and brightest of the men and women from "Team Tinker."

Barney – son of Mary Barney (Romulus) and the late John Barney – graduated from Romulus High School in 1986, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, OK) in 2008.

The 21-year airman recently returned Stateside from Iraq. □



Master Sergeant Delano Barney, 3rd Combat Communications Group

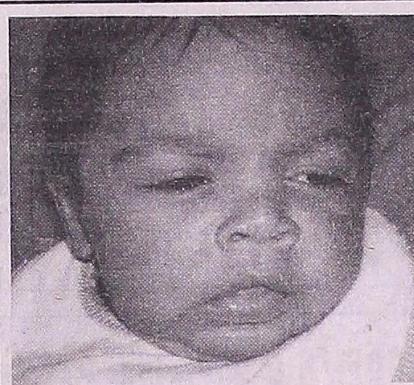
The Stork Arrived!

David Edmond Bullock III

David and Donna Bullock of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their son, David Edmond Bullock III.

David was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 7:09 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2009, weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz., and measuring 19.75 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his older siblings, Ayanna Kelly and Madison Bullock. Also giving David a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, David and Helen Bullock (Romulus), and his maternal grandparents, Boris and Stephanie Perry (Inkster, MI). □



David Edmond Bullock III

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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

My top priority is to bring growth and development back to this community when I become Mayor. For example, I plan on contacting contractors who have built or tried to build in this City, but were not so successful, and claim they will not come back to our community. I am going to contact Birch Run and West Branch contractors to see if they are interested in coming to our city to build strip malls, so the folks of Romulus will have stores to shop at and keep the revenue in our city rather than taking the revenue to surrounding cities.

I will do my best to build facilities for our children in our community:

- 1) baseball fields (Little League)
- 2) skate park

This will keep our children safe and off the streets!

I plan to continue the support of efforts to build a new animal shelter in our city.

I would like to encourage our children to graduate from our schools, be involved in our community, and – in the future – be

committed to build their families' homes here in Romulus, as many of us have.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

Cuts should be made directly at the top. ... Personnel would not be able to drive City vehicles to and from home. This would save mileage, wear and tear on the vehicle, and the cost of the fuel. Combine the management positions and cut all the department heads' salaries.

Protect the departments that are responsible for the safety of our community – police and fire, etc.

QUESTION #3 (role in economic relief)

The Mayor should always take the main role as leader of this community to bring in new business and revenue to provide economic relief for this community. The Mayor should also play a main role in tax relief and State-funded grants to encourage business to come to this city.

QUESTION #4 (next major project)

Upgrade the infrastructure and update the police station for the officers who serve this community. The station would be built with Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) funds; the infrastructure with TIFA money, grants, and State-funded programs.

QUESTION #5 (best person for the job)

- 1) I am a Christian. I'm honest and sincere.
- 2) I have great leadership skills.
- 3) After 16 years of experience as Department Manager IV at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, I am knowledgeable about:
 - a) union contracts, grievances, and unfair labor laws;
 - b) purchasing items like heavy-duty equipment / snow equipment;
 - c) balancing departmental budgets;
 - d) working with disaster recovery programs.

I am the man for the job. ... A New Leadership, A New Direction, A New City!

I appreciate your support on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. □

Engagement

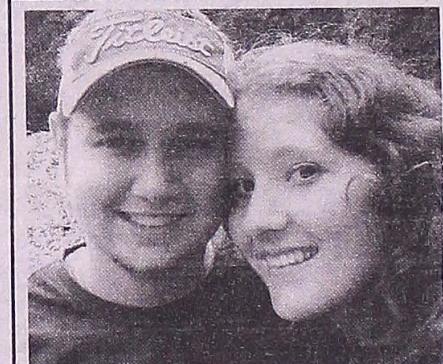
Johanna Sovinski and John Zwally

William Jr. and Catherine Sovinski of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Johanna Elise Sovinski, to John Michael Zwally, the son of David and Marcia Zwally of Hartford, Wisconsin.

The couple – who became engaged on August 21, 2009, at Whitefish Point in Upper Michigan – plan to exchange their vows at St. Aloysius Church (Romulus) on August 7, 2010.

Both Johanna and John graduated from Divine Child High School (Dearborn, MI) in 2005 and the University of Detroit Mercy in 2009.

Johanna is a teacher employed by Evans Solutions, and is at the Blanche Kelso Bruce



John Zwally and Johanna Sovinski

Academy (Detroit, MI).

John is an engineer for Tardec (Warren, MI). □

Obituary

Nancy L. Schonscheck

Nancy L. Schonscheck of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at the age of 68.

The daughter of the late LeRoy A. and Ethel C. (Berkstresser) Shingler was born in Charles, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, September 29, 1940.

Nancy was employed by the Romulus Community Schools for 35 years before retiring in 2001. She enjoyed bowling, softball, golf, theater, traveling "Up North," and the Detroit Tigers.

Surviving Nancy are her husband, Frederick A. Schonscheck; 3 sons, Frederick D. (Laura) Schonscheck (Romulus), David B. (Robin) Schonscheck (Romulus), and

Jeffrey A. (Janet) Schonscheck (Belleville, MI); 2 daughters, Cheryl L. (Michael) Lance (Westland, MI) and Linda J. Youtsey (Belleville); 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Beverly Sparks (Columbia, TN) and Mary Lou (Charles) Pierce (Joshua Tree, CA).

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 5, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with Reverend D. Lee Cullen, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to St. Paul's Church would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

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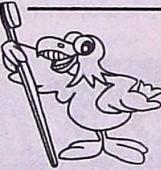
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